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Response to Arguments

The scope of the claims is changed by the amendments; new issues are raised that would require further consideration and/or search.

Applicant's arguments filed April 1, 2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive, because:

A) Applicant's arguments directed toward the zirconium compound being organic are not discussed because amending the zirconium compound to an organic zirconium compound changes the scope of the invention and would require further search and consideration.

B) Applicant's argument that Kimura et al. adds the zirconium to the composition for a different reason than the instant application is not persuasive. Since all components of the instant claimed invention are included in the composition of Kimura et al., it is implicit that the zirconium compound would behave in the same way in the composition. This is a property of the composition. Further, there is no claim language putting limits on the zirconium compound that would exclude the zirconium compound of Kimura et al., specifically used to adhere a photocatalyst such as TiO₂ on a carrier.

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